

**California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**  
**MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force**  
**Draft Meeting Agenda**  
*(revised April 10, 2009)*

***Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 9:00 am***  
***Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 8:30 am***

**Laguna Cliffs Marriott \***  
**25135 Park Lantern**  
**Dana Point, California 92629**

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person or view and listen to the meeting via simultaneous webcasting on the Internet, and may view an archived version approximately two days after the meeting. Please visit the MLPA website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings\\_sc.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/meetings_sc.asp) for more information. Meeting materials will not be provided at the meeting but will be posted to the MLPA website as soon as they become available.

**Public participation:** The public will be invited to offer comments on the work of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) at approximately ***3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 and at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009.*** Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the meeting room. Note that the public comment period is for comments specific to the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force; comments related to other MLPA Initiative activities or groups should be directed to those bodies or MLPA staff.

## **Meeting Objectives**

- *Receive presentation regarding pending military closures and potentially provide guidance to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (SCRSG) regarding how such areas should be considered when developing marine protected area (MPA) proposals*
- *Receive and discuss MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team (SAT) water quality guidance document and potentially provide guidance to the SCRSG regarding the design of MPAs and how to take into account water quality when developing marine protected area proposals*
- *Receive and discuss report regarding the status of federal and state coordination recommendations and potentially provide guidance to MLPA Initiative staff regarding next steps*
- *Receive Draft MPA arrays developed by work groups of the SCRSG and draft MPA proposals developed external to the work group process*
- *Receive SAT, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and Goal 3 analyses of draft MPA arrays and proposals*
- *Potentially provide guidance to SCRSG members regarding the development of draft MPA proposals and the SAT regarding evaluations of draft MPA proposals in Round Two*
- *Receive updates on the work of the SAT, SCRSG, and MLPA Statewide Interests Group (SIG)*
- *Receive update on the revised draft regional profile*
- *Receive 2008-2011 budget update*

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## **Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

*Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:15 p.m. and public comment will be taken after the stakeholder panel at approximately 3:00 p.m.*

### **Welcome, Agenda Review and Brief Introductions**

#### **I. Updates**

#### **II. MLPA Initiative Process Updates**

- A. Master Plan Science Advisory Team**
- B. South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group**
- C. Status of the Regional Profile for the South Coast Study Region**

#### **III. MLPA South Coast Study Region**

##### **D. Setting the Decision-Making Context for the South Coast Project**

**Briefing Document D.1:** Setting the Decision-Making Context for the South Coast Process PowerPoint

##### **E. Presentation of Proposal 0 (existing MPAs), Draft MPA Arrays Developed by Work Groups of the Regional Stakeholder Group, and Draft MPA Proposals Developed External to the Work Group Process**

**Briefing Document E.1:** Proposal 0: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.2:** Draft MPA Array Lapis A: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.3:** Draft MPA Array Lapis B: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.4:** Draft MPA Array Opal A: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.5:** Draft MPA Array Opal B: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.6:** Draft MPA Array Topaz A: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.7:** Draft MPA Array Topaz B: Staff Summary, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.8:** Draft External MPA Proposal A: Staff Summary, Narrative Description, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.9:** Draft External MPA Proposal B: Staff Summary, Narrative Description, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.10:** Draft External MPA Proposal C: Staff Summary, Narrative Description, Description of MPAs, Overview Map and Subregional Maps

**Briefing Document E.11:** Consideration of Existing MPAs in Round 1 Draft Arrays and Proposals (April 8, 2009)

**Briefing Document E.12:** Round 1 Comparison of Existing MPAs (Proposal 0), Draft South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group MPA Arrays, and Draft External MPA Proposals by Designation Type and Level of Protection (April 8, 2009)

**Briefing Document E.13:** Presentation of Proposal 0 and Draft MPA Arrays Developed by Work Groups of the Regional Stakeholder Group and Draft MPA Proposals Developed External to the Work Group Process PowerPoint

**Briefing Document E.14:** Overlap Maps for Draft Internal Arrays and Draft External Proposals (April 8, 2009)

**F. Presentation of SAT Methods and Analyses of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays, and Draft External Proposals**

Briefing Document F.1: Habitat Representation, Habitat Replication, MPA Size and Spacing Evaluations of the Round 1 Draft MPA Arrays/Proposals for the MLPA South Coast Study Region PowerPoint

Briefing Document F.2: Marine Birds and Mammals Evaluation Results PowerPoint

Briefing Document F.3: Commercial and Recreational Fishing Evaluation Results PowerPoint

Briefing Document F.4: Spatial Bioeconomic Model Evaluations of Round 1 Draft MPA Arrays/Proposals PowerPoint

**G. Goal 3 Analysis of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays, and Draft External Proposals**

Briefing Document G.1: Goal 3 Analysis of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays and Draft External Proposals PowerPoint

**H. California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Analysis of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays, and Draft External Proposals**

Briefing Document H.1: California Department of Fish and Game Feasibility Analysis of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays and Draft External Proposals PowerPoint

**I. California Department of Parks and Recreation Analysis of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays, and Draft External Proposals**

Briefing Document I.1: California Department of Parks and Recreation Analysis of Proposal 0, Draft MPA Arrays and Draft External Proposals

**J. Stakeholder Panel Presentation and Discussion of Draft MPAs**

**K. BRTF Deliberation and Potential Guidance Regarding Developing and Evaluating Draft MPA Proposals**

**Potential Action:** *Provide Guidance to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team regarding developing and evaluating draft MPA proposals in Round 2*

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**Meeting Agenda - Thursday, April 16, 2009**

*Note: The task force will break for lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. and then participate in a field trip in the Dana Point area for the latter half of the day; details regarding public participation in the field trip will be available a few days before the meeting.*

**Review Agenda for Day 2**

**IV. Policy Direction for the MLPA South Coast Study Region**

**L. Review and Discuss Pending Military Closures and Military Use Areas**

**Potential Action:** *Provide Guidance to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group and MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team regarding military use areas and evaluations of draft MPA proposals in Round 2*

Briefing Document L.1: J. Michael Harty Memorandum on Pending Military Closures at San Clemente Island and San Nicolas Island (April 1, 2009)

Briefing Document L.2: Pending Military Closures at San Clemente Island and San Nicolas Island PowerPoint

Briefing Document L.3: David Nawi Memorandum Regarding Legal Analysis of State Authority Regarding Marine Protected Areas in Military Use Areas (April 8, 2009)

Briefing Document L.4: Staff Memo Regarding Military Use Areas in Developing and Evaluating Draft MPA Proposals in Round 2

## II. MLPA Initiative Process Updates (continued)

### M. Master Plan Science Advisory Team Water Quality Guidance

*Dr. Steve Weisberg, MLPA Master Plan Science Advisory Team and Southern California Coastal Water Research Project*

**Potential Action:** *Provide guidance to the SCRSG regarding the design of MPAs and how to take into consideration water quality when developing MPA proposals*

Briefing Document M.1: Recommendations for Considering Water Quality and Marine Protected Areas in the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Approved February 24, 2009)

### N. Status of Recommendations for Improved MPA Management Coordination with Federal Agencies

**Potential Action:** *Provide guidance to MLPA Initiative staff regarding next steps*

Briefing Document N.a: Recommendations for Improved Coordination with Federal and State Agencies for MPA Management

### O. Public Outreach and Education Activities

### P. Statewide Interests Group

## V. MLPA Initiative Operations

### Q. Updated 2008-11 MLPA Initiative Budget

Briefing Document Q.1: Phase 3 Funding Description July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2011 (Updated April 3, 2009)

### R. MLPA Calendar of Future Meetings

Briefing Document R.1: Future Meetings Scheduled for the MLPA South Coast Study Region (Revised April 2, 2009)

## Adjourn

## Field Trip – Dana Point/Laguna area

Members of the public are invited to attend the upcoming field trip with the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force. Field trip stops and approximate times of arrival/departure are listed below. Please note the task force may be a few minutes early or late for one or more stops, depending on traffic. Look for a 12-passenger California Department of Fish and Game van!

MLPA Initiative staff member Craig Shuman will be available by cell phone during the field trip (310- 869-6574). Please note that members of the public are responsible for their own transportation.

### 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. – Ocean Institute

24200 Dana Point Harbor Drive  
Dana Point, CA 92629  
(949) 496-2274

### 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. – Treasure Island Beach

Pacific Coast Highway, west of Lang Park  
(Turn left on Wesley from Northbound Pacific Coast Highway into parking structure)

**4:00 – 4:45 p.m. – Crystal Cove State Park**

8471 North Coast Highway

Laguna Beach CA 92651

Stop 1: Reef Point parking lot

Stop 2: Pelican Point (if time permits)

<http://www.crystalcovestatepark.com/>

Parking courtesy of California State Parks

Map of all field trip locations can be found at:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&ll=33.517641,->

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